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NOTIFICATION

In compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 4th September 2025 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 911 of 2022, Titled Amanjot Singh vs Union of India and others, it is hereby directed that:

1. All Registering Authorities in the State of Sikkim shall accept and process, without any discrimination, applications for registration of marriages solemnized through the Anand Karaj rite, in accordance with the existing Sikkim Rules for Registration and Solemnization of Mariages, 1963.
2. Where the parties to the marriage so request, the Marriage Register and Certificate shall clearly record that the marriage was solemnized by the "Anand Karaj" rite.
3. All applications for registration of Anand Karaj marriages solemnized within the State of Sikkim shall enclose the following documents, namely:
   i) Proof of solemnization of the Anand Karaj ceremony issued by the concerned Gurudwara, certifying that the marriage was performed according to Anand Karaj rite.
   ii) Proof of age of both parties, such as Birth Certificate, School Leaving Certificate or any other valid supporting document establishing the date of birth.
   iii) Proof of residence of both parties, such as Certificate of Identification (COI) or Sikkim Subject Certificate (SSC) or Voter ID Card or Ration Card or any other valid residential document.
   iv) Recommendation from local Panchayat, MLA, or Councillor that the couple is married and specifying the date of solemnization.
   v) Two passport size photographs each of both parties.
4. All registering authorities are instructed to implement the above instructions with immediate effect and ensure registration of Anand Karaj marriages in accordance with the existing law.

By Order,

Rinzing Chewang Bhutia, IAS
Secretary
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Government of Sikkim
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